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1. UNDER THE AIRGRAMS LISTED BELOW, THE EMBASSY WAS DIRECTED TO MAKE PAYMENT (INTERIM RELEASE) TO FAISECTC OF SPECIFIED AMOUNTS FOR THE LISTED PROJECTS. HOWEVER THE AMOUNTS INDICATED IN THESE SAME AIRGRAMS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR US RESEARCHERS (COLUMN 3) WERE WITHHELD FROM THE PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED IN 1973. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE JOINT BOARD WAS ESTABLISHED AND THESE PROJECTS CAME UNDER THE BOARDS JURISDICTION AND ADMINISTRATION. HOWEVER, THE TRAVEL MONIES WITHHELD IN 1973 REMAINED IN THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE US GOVERNMENT. DURING THE INTERVENING YEARS PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO VARIOUS TRAVELERS, AND ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY'S RECORDS AS OF THIS DATE, THERE REMAINS THE BALANCE LISTED IN COLUMN 4.

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AIRGRAM	PROJECT	AUTHORIZED	BALANCE
A-6113			
(7-12-73)	14-01-0001-1427	20,000.00	836.05

A-5793			
(7-9-73)	14-01-0001-1429	75,000.00	36,396.00

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A-5795

(7-9-73)	14-01-0001-1434	60,000.00	60,000.00
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A-5794

(7-9-73)	14-01-0001-1436	70,000.00	54,546.75
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A-5796

(7-9-73)	14-01-0001-1438	100,000.00	86,055.45
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325,000.00	237,834.25

2. IN EMBASSY TELEGRAM 4033 DATED AUGUST 16, 1974 IT WAS PROPOSED THAT FUTURE PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED FOR US TRAVEL, TRAVELERS AND RELATED EXPENSES BE MADE FROM THE OLD FUNDS STILL HELD IN US ACCOUNTS. THIS WAS CONCURRED WITH BY STATE 187696 DATED AUGUST 28, 1974.

3. IN THE INTERIM, A SPECIAL US TRAVEL FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR PROJECT TRAVEL UNDER THE JOINT FUND. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE TIME HAS NOW COME WHERE IT WOULD FACILITATE MATTERS IF THE FUNDS REMAINING IN THESE PROJECTS WERE TRANSFERED TO THE JOINT BOARD'S SPECIAL TRAVEL ACCOUNT WHERE THEY COULD BE EARNING INTEREST. IN ADDITION THE PRESENT SYSTEM IS CAUSING CONFUSION AND CREATING HARDSHIP FOR THE TRAVELERS. THE MOST RECENT EXAMPLE IS STATE 242379 DATED OCTOBER 11, 1975 WHICH DIRECTED THAT PAYMENT BE MADE TO KAME AND DOBROVOLNY FROM THE JOINT FUND, AND STATE 232548 DATED OCTOBER 1, 1975 SAYING PAYMENT FOR THEIR TRAVEL EXPENSES SHOULD BE CHARGED TO THE PROJECTS. PAYMENT HAS IN FACT BEEN MADE FROM THE JOINT BOARD SPECIAL TRAVEL FUNDS.

4. IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFUSION IN THE FUTURE, EMBASSY REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO PAY REMAINING BALANCES (COLUMN 4) AS INDICATED IN PAR. 1 TO THE JOINT FUND SPECIAL TRAVEL ACCOUNT AND ALL FUTURE TRAVEL FOR THESE PROJECTS BE PAID FROM THE JOINT FUND.
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